



JUNE 2022

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island & Stark

Deadlines:

June 1 - Mercer/RI Fair Entry
June 1 - YQCA/QAEC
June 15 - State Horse Entries
July 1 - State Livestock Entries

Events:

June 4 - Summer Sizzle
June 10 - Mercer BBQ
June 11 - Henry General Project
June 15-19 - Henry Fair
June 20 - State Livestock Judging
July 11-16 - Mercer Fair
July 16 - RI General Projects
July 18-24 - RI Fair
July 29-Aug. 1 - Stark Fair
Aug. 13 - State Fair



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A big congratulations goes out to the Rock Island junior horse bowl team for winning the state contest held in April in Champaign.

Members of the team include:

Emma Steiger
Palak Rawani
Nicholas Gorbach
Bailey Callahan
Anna Hessel
Opal Saller
Shanna Thomason
Coach: Danielle Gorbach

In addition to winning the team contest, Anna Hessel placed first

in the individual competition and Palak Rawani placed 5th.

Fair Entry

Fair season is here. Fair books are out for all counties except Stark. Please read all requirements for your projects prior to doing any fair entries. Deadlines are:

Mercer - June 1
Rock Island - June 1
Stark - July 1

- Website to do entries is fairent.com
- Use 4-H Online log-in information
- Password resets must be done through 4-H Online
- DO ENTRIES EARLY! This way we have time to fix errors or troubleshoot with you.
- Try to do entries for all youth in your family before hitting submit.
- Contact us if you need step by step instructions sent to you.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the individuals being inducted into the 2022 class of the Illinois 4-H Hall of Fame. Each of these people were nominated for induction based on their dedication and service to the 4-H program. They have all been great volunteers, leaders, and youth mentors.

We will be presenting medals to inductees during the auctions of each county fair and they will be recognized at State Fair on Saturday, August 13 at Noon in the Orr Building.

Inductees are:

Henry County - Angie Reed
Mercer County - Mike Peterson
Rock Island County - Julie Derrer
Stark County - Joe Tracy



NEWS & notes

MERCER COUNTY NEWS

Mercer Horse Show Food Stand



The Saddle Teens 4-H Club will have a lunch stand at the Mercer County 4-H Horse Show on Sunday, July 17. Menu: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, fresh fruits, and cookies. This will be by donation and a self-serve lunch stand. No drinks will be provided, please bring your own

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the winners of the 2022 Mercer County Memorial scholarships and to the winners of the Patti Jeanne Higgins Scholarships.



Desiree Reid, of Joy-Eliza Ag, was selected to receive the Memorial scholarship.

Desiree is the daughter of Joe and Chris Reid. She graduated from Rockridge High School and will be attending Iowa State University in the fall.

Hamlet Handy Helpers Report Submitted by Mason Gray

The Hamlet Handy Helpers 4-H Club held their May meeting on Sunday the 1st at 6:00pm at the Hamlet Hall. The President, Megan Gray, called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and the secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved. Our club received our new club shirts. On April 23rd we picked up 6 garbage bags full of trash for 4-H Day of Service. Pictures and write-ups are due to Brenda by May 15 for the Times Record. We will start placing the Veteran Grave Markers sometime in May after approval from the



American Legion. Our club tour will take place June 7th, at 4:00. We were reminded that the County BBQ is June 10th and we are responsible for tear-down starting at 6:45. A discussion took place on decorating ideas for the fair booth. Matthew Gray gave a talk on common sheep diseases and treatments. Meeting was adjourned.

Carson Holmes, also of Joy-Eliza Ag, received the Memorial scholarship and one of the Patti Jeanne Higgins Scholarships.

Carson is the son of Bryce and Nichole Holmes. He graduated from Mercer County High and will be attending Black Hawk East in the fall.



Ellie Robinson, of Alexis All Stars, received the other Patti Jeanne Higgins scholarship.

Ellie is the daughter of Aaron and Megan Robinson. She graduated from United High School and plans to attend Iowa State University this fall.



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CLUB REPORTS & NEWS

Magical Muggles Club Notes

Submitted by Bailey Callahan

The Magical Muggles 4-H Club met on Monday, May 16. At the business meeting, Anna H. and Palak R. talked about the State Horse Bowl where the team took 1st Place, and Anna took first place as an individual and Palak took fifth place. Bailey talked about the new Goat Spin Club and her goat, Lollipop. We discussed and planned a food packaging event with Bethel Wesley UMC for July 23. We also talked about fair entries. We worked on Passport to the World: Great Britain. We learned about the Union Jack and the parts of Great Britain. Then, we made scones. The next meeting will be June 27 at 6:30pm.



Rural Go-Getters Report

Submitted by Wyatt Viager

We started off our meeting at 6 pm with some 4-H members painting ceramics together. Mad Potter came and assisted. Our business meeting started at 7 pm. We had several talks; Megan and Morgan both gave a talk about clay projects they made in art class at school. Will did his talk on plants. He has started several seeds in his home, which include watermelon. and Ben gave his talk on his dog which is a Miniature Australian Shepard. And to finish off the meeting, Will and Henry brought snacks for everyone!



4-H in the City Report

Submitted by Olivia Boehle

The meeting was called to order on May 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. We talked about our unfinished business which was about the National Day of Service and fair booth ideas. We are making gourd birdhouses for Nahant Marsh. Our new business was deciding the time and date for setting up our fair booth and time for our next meeting on May 27th. We also talked about a community service opportunity for Ukraine. Maya and Olivia presented their Animal Science presentations. Maya did axolotls and Olivia did parakeets.

Donations for Ukraine

A total of \$400 was collected for Amanda Murray's Ukrainian refugee project. Four different groups donated \$100 to help people in Poland purchase food, medical supplies, and clothes for refugees entering their country.

Thanks to these groups for donating:

- Dorothy Unsworth
- HCE - Butterworth Center
- New Windsor Youth Horse Show
- Saddle Teens



Copper Pendant Workshop



The Geneseo Art League hosted a copper pendant workshop for a small number of youth in April. Participants at this workshop included Olivia Freyermuth, Annmarie Haars, Lena Haars, Rosalee Haars, and Robin Dwyer.



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STATE UPDATES

Upcoming Livestock Deadlines

State Horse Show Entries: Due June 15

NOTE: All horse entries must include a copy of owner-ship/lease/registration paper and the color pictures of both side of the horse.

State Livestock Judging Contest: June 20 @ Stock Pavilion

State Fair Livestock Entries: Due July 1

All information on state show classes and links to entry forms can be found here:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/statefair/competitions/premium-books/Pages/default.aspx>

Entries must be signed by Extension Staff and postmarked **BY** the due date. The State Fair office will NOT accept late entries.

Upcoming Shooting Sports

Instructor Training

If you know anyone interested in becoming a certified shooting sports instructor - in any discipline - this summer is the best time to be trained! There will be a training on Saturday, July 16 at Bi-State Sportsman's Club in Colona. Contact the Extension Office if interested.

State Shoot Dates

Archery - Saturday, Sept. 17 in Pekin

Shotgun - Saturday, Sept. 24 in Bunker Hill

Rifle - Saturday, Oct. 8 in Bloomington

Pistol - Sunday, Oct. 9 in Bloomington

STATE FAIR DATE

Henry, Mercer, Rock Island and Stark are scheduled to show general projects at the State Fair on:

Saturday, August 13



Crop Scouting Competition

The University and state Extension will hold a crop scouting competition on August 4, 2022 at the Crop Sciences Research & Education Center

4202 South 1st Street, Savoy.

This competition is open to youth in grades 9-12 in teams of 2 to 5 people and a coach. Teams will rotate through 10 outdoor stations to test skills in identifying weeds, insects, diseases, and stages of growth. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams.

Sign up by **July 1** at go.illinois.edu/CropScouting.

For full details and study materials, visit:

<https://extension.illinois.edu/global/illinois-crop-scouting-competition>



How will you spend your summer?

This or That



Bored Summer



Make a new friend and learn about a new culture

Host a youth from Japan or South Korea this summer, through States' 4-H International! Families are needed for 3 weeks, July 23 through August 18 (tentative dates). Applications are accepted until all placements are made. There is no cost for this program.

Students are matched with a host sibling by age, gender, and interests. Families hosting, must have a child between the ages of 12-18.

Host family selection is dependent on completion of an application and screening process, as well as student availability and personality compatibility.

For full info visit: <http://www.states4hexchange.org>

Farm in the Park & 4-H BBQ Friday, June 10, Aledo, IL



Farm in the Park 3:30 – 6 pm at Aledo's Central Park

Bring your family for a fun day exploring agriculture!
Free hands-on educational activity stations,
petting zoo, games, crafts, jump house & more!

Event brought to you by Mercer County Agriculture Education, University of Illinois Extension,
Mercer County Farm Bureau, Mercer County Soil & Water Conservation, Mercer County YMCA



Mercer County 4-H BBQ June 10, 5–7 pm Fire Station, Aledo, IL Dine in or Carry out

Bring your appetite!



Buy a delicious meal to support 4-H!

\$10 pork chop meal includes sandwich, baked beans, applesauce, & dessert.

\$5 hot dog meal includes chips, applesauce, & dessert.

Whole pies will also be for sale at the event.



The fun continues:

Watch a free movie in the park at dusk!

Bring you blanket and lawn chairs and relax with
your family at an outdoor movie sponsored by
Aledo Main Street.



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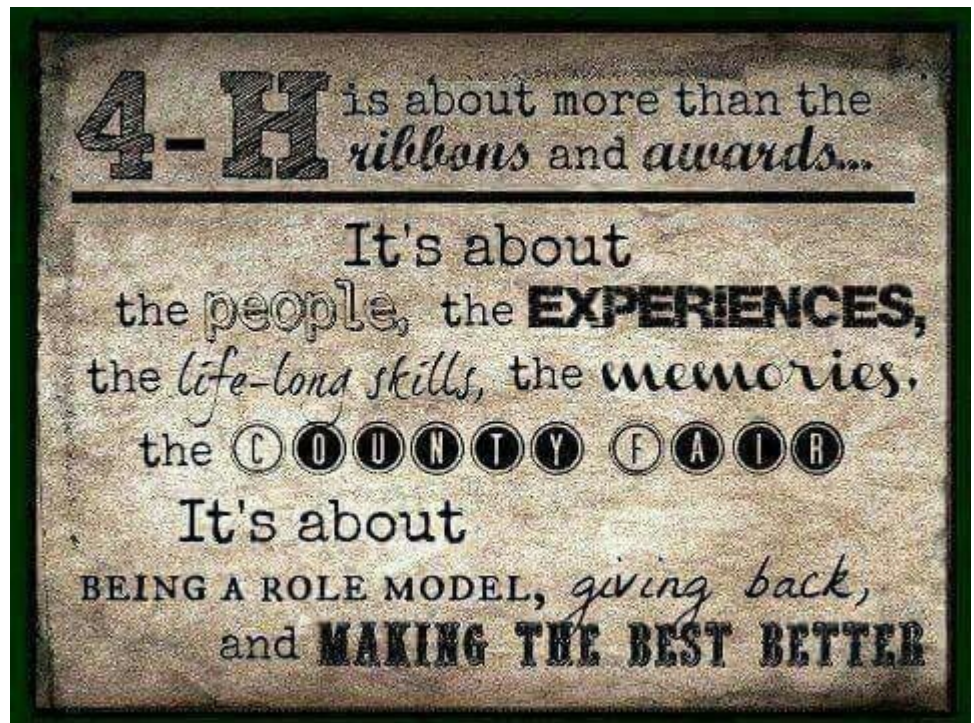
closed for lunch 12–12:30 p.m.



Scribbles and Scrawl

Greetings,

Welcome to summer. We look forward to seeing you at fairs and shows.



Jennifer, Teresa, Tracy, & McCala

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